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THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE

The real strength and vitality of a nation or a state depend upon the common people. The progress of a community depends upon the enterprise of the mass. There are still privileged classes; and privileged classes still attempt to maintain that they have a right to domination. But, manifestly the welfare of the many is more important than the aggrandizement of the few. The growth and development and expansion of a country depend upon the gradual increase in individual enlightenment. The people have a right to expect consideration on all questions of general importance. Those for whose welfare law is made have a right to a voice in the making of that law. This point has been stressed thousands and thousands of times, yet it needs to be emphasized again and again.

"Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law."

CARE OF STUDENTS' HEALTH

The action of the University of Missouri in safeguarding the health of the students is highly commendable. Never before have such precautions been taken nor such plans made for good. Heretofore, students have been safeguarded by the Protective Association, which met expense for sickness to the extent of \$75. The fee was but \$2, yet many could ill afford to pay even that sum to be insured.

Possibly no other university in the United States has been as considerate of the health of the student. Not only has a university physician been provided to prescribe for students free of charge, but the hospital is also open to them. The best of medical attention is at their disposal. Of course, a student has the privilege of employing any other physician should he so desire.

Other schools would do well to emulate the example of Missouri.

GOSSIP—A SOCIAL PLAGUE

"Gossips almost ruin pastor to find 'woman in case' is his daughter." This headline appeared recently in a St. Louis paper. It was followed by a story of a Lutheran pastor in Kansas City who was the victim of gossiping tongues to such an extent that he had to give up his church. This is but one instance in millions of the injury, suffering and disruption gossip can bring about. It is doubtful if any evil in human society has caused as much trouble as this social plague. Lives have been ruined, families and lifelong friendships have been broken up, and good reputations torn to pieces by creatures who masquerade as men and women. Gossips make no discrimination in choosing their victims. Friends, enemies and strangers suffer alike from their evil tongues.

Gossip is the most malignant of all the social plagues. Once started it spreads like the cholera. It has existed since the beginning of history and will exist until the end of time. There is only one remedy for it. That remedy is truth.

FOR THE BUSINESS MAN

Mr. Business Man, do you not make certain financial allowances for every department of your business? Do you not as far as possible estimate your income in advance and make your ex-

penses conform to your income? Would it benefit you to know exactly what income you could expect for each year?

That is exactly what the University of Missouri wishes to know. How much it may expect from the state each year so that it may make its plans accordingly. The expenses of an institution engaged in the educating of almost three thousand young people are naturally large. It is the state that will benefit from the knowledge acquired by these young people, therefore the state should furnish them the means of obtaining this knowledge. The present allowance of the University is insufficient for its successful operation. Not only is this insufficiency an injury, but its uncertainty adds to the injury. The mill tax will not drain the resources of this state, but it will furnish a certain and ample income for the University, and help to make it one of the biggest and best institutions of learning in the land.

GOOD BEHAVIOR AT THE FAIR

Much depends on the conduct of the students from the University who go to the State Fair at Sedalia next Thursday. The impressions received by the persons at the fair who see them and meet them may have a decided effect on the mill-tax amendment vote. The institution is judged more by the students who go out from it than in any other way.

The students will be recognized, if by no other signs, at least by the "Amendment No. 11" buttons which they will wear. But aside from the buttons, it is usually easy for the average person to recognize "a bunch of students." There is something, "rah rah" or otherwise, which makes them easily distinguished from any other group of persons.

A holiday would not be given by the University that students may have a "good time," as the term is translated by a few students. It is expected, of course, that the students will enjoy the visit to the fair; also that they will get much good from it. But no student should allow his conduct to reflect discredit on the University.

Possibly there will be some difference of opinion as to just what action would make an unfavorable impression on the voter. It is only natural that this difference should exist. But when the University is so vitally concerned, it is only fair to sacrifice one's own opinion to the possible view of the outsider. A thing which perhaps appears trivial to the student may cause one or more votes to be cast against the amendment.

Let every student be on his best behavior at the fair.

VIEWPOINTS

[The University Missourian invites contributions on matters of University and Columbia interest. The name of the writer should accompany each letter, but will not be printed unless desired.]

Does Not Like Signs.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: Last year it was announced that the unsightly bulletin board in Academic Hall was to be taken out. It is still there covered with more papers, circulars and signs than ever.

Is it not about time that these signs and circulars be prohibited? Why should the walls of the corridors be made a bill-board?

Is there no way of keeping them off?

Student.

On Parade.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: University Day at the Missouri State Fair is fast approaching. From present appearances, it seems that all Missouri University will be transferred to Sedalia on that day.

If the school as a body attends, there is one thing to be remembered, and that is, that we will be on exhibition before the eyes of the whole state. There is little fear of any intentional disorderly conduct by Missouri students, but there is a great possibility that we be misunderstood. Columbia is used to college ways, and we are used to Columbia. However Sedalia is not Columbia. Every student that goes down to the fair should remember this, and act in such a manner that there can be no possibility of his conduct being misconstrued. It is almost inconceivable on what small actions some people base their estimate of the University. The University needs the friendship of every man over the state, especially in view of the approaching election. Let us beware lest, in trying to show Missourians what a great University they have, we do more harm than good. Remember, on Thursday, October 6, the University will be on parade at Sedalia.

R. G. T.

At Other Colleges

Fifty men responded last week to the first call for track men at the University of Minnesota.

At Syracuse University a course in life-saving has been added to the curriculum. Practice work is given in the water and the methods of saving a drowning person are taught.

Out in Kansas a senior asked a newly arrived freshman if he had brought any evening clothes with him. The freshman said, yes, he had seen his mother put two suits of pajamas in his suit case.

President C. R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin gives the following definition of hazing: "Hazing comprises everything which involves coercion of, or indignity to, a freshman."

At the University of Iowa the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the cadet corps are appointed by competitive examinations. All candidates are given the examination and the places are filled according to grades made.

The freshman-sophomore class fight at Ames College resulted in breaking up the regular chapel exercises, it being reported that only three students were present for chapel. The class fight was abandoned when President Stanton appeared on the scene.

The University of Iowa is having the same trouble as the University of Missouri to get a new song. Iowa had a contest lasting two years and as yet have not adopted a new song. There is a prize of \$50 offered for the best contribution of words and music and a second prize of \$25.

At the University of Wisconsin the faculty took the same methods as at the University of Missouri in regard to hazing and left it in the hands of the students. The result has been that hazing has been discontinued with the exception that the rule of freshmen wearing caps is being strictly adhered to.

E. H. Downey, who was last year an instructor in economics at the University of Missouri, has accepted a position as professor of economics at Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio. Mr. Downey has written a book, "The History of Labor Legislation in Iowa" which was recently published by the Iowa State Historical Library.

Judge Lucien J. Eastin, of St. Joseph, Mo., has accepted the presidency of a new law school to be opened in that city. The faculty of the school is composed of practicing lawyers of the city. The course will cover three years and it is expected graduates of the new school will be fitted to pass the state examinations for admittance to practice.

The enrollment at the Kansas State Agricultural College has reached 1700. Most of the students come from Kansas farms. A new course in industrial journalism is offered at this school for the first time this year. Twenty students have enrolled for work in this department which is under the directions of Prof. Charles J. Dillon, formerly of the Kansas City Star.

It has been reported that the University of Minnesota recently had a proposition from James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, by which they offered former president Roosevelt the position as president of the University. Minnesota tried hard last winter to get President A. Ross Hill from the University of Missouri for this place. Not being able to get him it is natural they should try to get the next best man.

The House of a Thousand Candles. In this day of the ten cent magazines with its twenty or so pages devoted to New York theatrical, the public throughout the country are well posted on this particular subject. This one fact is probably the cause for the great increase in demands for the better class of plays, and an attraction that is successful on the road must have first have been a success in New York.

One of the plays that was particularly successful in New York and that is now being presented on the road to very large business, is "The House of a Thousand Candles," the attraction at the Columbia Theatre on Wednesday, Oct. 5th. This play ran for an entire season without having been seen outside of three theatres, namely The Hackett and Daly's in New York and Garrick in Chicago. In summing up his criticisms on the performance the dramatic critic on New York "Commercial" said: "Altogether the play is an agreeable surprise." (adv.)

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WHAT OTHER JOURNALS ARE SAYING

Funny To Be a College Boy's Father.

Declaring that the ancient Greeks were never bald because they didn't wear hats, the men students of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, made a bonfire of their hats, and danced around it. The joke in this celebration is on the fathers who have to buy new hats. Ha ha, but it is funny to be a college boy's father.—Atchison Globe.

Football in Judgment.

Even with the expert aid of Messrs. Camp and Eckersall, the football public will find it difficult to understand the "new rules." The only way the "reforms" will ever be made entirely clear will be by actual play. Then we shall see whether the Rules Committee, which no friend of the game has any particular reason for trusting, has candidly tried to make contests more safe for the player and more interesting for the spectator, or whether it has once put out changes that do not change but merely confuse. A good deal hangs on the settlement of this question. Football cannot have an indefinite number of chances at the bar of public opinion. Another delinquency mark this season would just about end its collegiate career.—Chicago Post.

Don't Talk About Your Age.

"Don't," said a man of experience, "tell people your age. 'I don't mean by that that you want to lie about it; indeed you want to tell the truth if it's necessary; but what I mean is don't go around blating about it. Keep it to yourself."

"You meet men who are proud of their age, men of mature years but who are still strong and rugged and able, that like to tell how old they really are, and then you meet youthful men who are getting on in the world and doing fine things that like to tell how young they really are. Mistakes both.

"The mature man may really look years younger than he is, and if he does that is to his great advantage, for the majority of people don't like old men around; they want young blood. And as for the young man who may look older but who boasts of his youth, that's a mistake because people don't like men too young; they want men seasoned with at least some age and experience.

"It's a foolish man, however able he may be, who goes around talking about how old or how young he really is. This can't do him any good and it may do him harm. It is a wise man, whatever his age, that doesn't talk about his age at all but let's his work do the talking."—New York Sun.

Hiding Behind Great Names.

If Washington or Jefferson could know of the men who in these days make loud professions of being followers of them and their teachings, they would at least be surprised, and if some of the men who claim to be following Lincoln had with their present ideas and ways, come into the presence of their supposed leader while he was still engaged in his great work, they would probably have attempted to teach him. Curiously enough, many of the men who now quote Cleveland oftenest with approval, fought him and his ideas when they had a chance to support them. Even Roosevelt, when called to account for his late criticism of the supreme court, answered, "If I have erred I err in company with Abraham Lincoln."

Getting behind the supposed opinion of someone else, especially one who is dead and cannot answer for himself, is generally an evidence of the weakness of one's own argument. Probably if we could get back to the days of Washington and Jefferson we should find that they had as many opponents claimed to be following in their steps in after years. Probably also if Washington, Jefferson or Lincoln were any one of them living now he would see many things in a very different light from the way he saw them then.

Appeals to the opinions of those who made the history of the past are unconvincing. The only vital, living arguments are those which take into consideration the conditions of today and interpret them in the light of the experience not the language of the past.—St. Joseph News-Press.

Quite Likely.

Teacher—That's correct, Thomas; you would find an ostrich in almost any zoological garden. Now, James, where would you go to find a great auk or a dodo?

Bright Pupil—Most any cold storage, ma'am.—Puck.

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Appropriate Garb.

Maud—What would you do if you married a man and found he couldn't clothe you properly?

Ethel—I'd pack away my wedding dress and get out my divorce suit.—Boston Transcript.

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